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The Governing Council

I

Decides that the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council, including the Committee of the Whole, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group shall be held in Geneva from 28 May to 22 June 1990 and that the high-level segment of the plenary shall take place between 5 and 7 June 1990;

II

Takes note of the statement by the Secretary of the Council at the organizational session on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including measures taken concerning documentation;

III

Decides to waive for its meetings in 1990 rule 22 of its rules of procedure, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate;

IV

Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special session from 20 to 23 February 1990 (DP/1990/L.2 and Add.1), as orally amended;

V

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-seventh session (DP/1990/L.3 and Corr.2 as orally amended), and on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session;

VI

Agrees that the Committee of the Whole shall deal with the following items at the thirty-seventh session:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund;

(e) Evaluation.

VII

1. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session to its Budgetary and Finance Committee:

6. United Nations Population Fund: budgetary and financial matters;

8 (a)-8 (h). Other funds and programmes: financial and administrative questions;

9 (a). Annual review of the financial situation, 1989;

9 (b). Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 and matters relating to decision 89/59;

9 (c). Report on the status of management services;

9 (d). Trust funds;

9 (e). Audit reports;

9 (f). Financial Regulations:

(i) Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(ii) Biennalization of financial statements;

9 (g). Ex post facto reporting;

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

VIII

Reaffirms the principles contained in section III of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

1. Decides to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 23 April 1990 and to close it on 5 June 1990;

2. Decides that there shall be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions, those made by delegations and secretariat alike, during the debate;

IX

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session, as specified in the note by the Secretariat (DP/1990/3).

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90/2. Least developed countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 44/220 of 22 December 1989,

Deeply concerned about the lack of progress in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on the participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (DP/1990/6/Add.1) and on the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries (DP/1990/6);

2. Emphasizes that the United Nations Development Programme has an important role to play in the least developed countries and that its commitment in those countries should continue to be adequately reflected in its activities;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, in addition to its facilitating role, to co-operate with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other agencies in continuing to assist the least developed countries in the analytical aspects of their preparation for the Conference to enable them to assess progress made in implementing the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and identify problems to be addressed in the 1990s;

4. Stresses the need for priority allocation of its scarce grant resources to programmes and projects in the least developed countries on the basis of their special needs and requirements;

5. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to assist the efforts of the least developed countries in economic recovery and development with appropriate programmes and resources and requests the Administrator to submit proposals on this subject to the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990) with a view to making a significant contribution to the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in September 1990;

6. Notes with regret that the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries has not accomplished its original mandate and requests the Administrator to redefine that mandate in the light of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and in the light of decision 90/4 on the preparations for the fifth programming cycle and to submit to the Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991) specific proposals on the subject aimed at mobilizing contributions;

7. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to make an additional effort, using the resources of the Special Measures Fund, to compensate for the shortfall in funding for the preparation of the Second United Nations Conference and to ensure the full participation of the delegations of the least developed countries to that conference, including the high-level missions of the Governments of the least developed countries, which aim at enhancing international support in favour of the least developed countries.

90/3. Mid-term review of resources for the fourth programming cycle

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the review of resources for the fourth programming cycle and fourth cycle earmarking for Special Programme Resources (DP/1990/7) and of the Administrator's statement that the remaining 25 per cent of the resources authorized by decision 88/31 can be released for programming;

2. Notes that, in addition to the balance of resources reflected in the documents, the United Nations Development Programme is holding a fully funded Operational Reserve of $200 million;

3. Authorizes the release of the remaining 25 per cent of additional indicative planning figures and Special Programme Resources allocated in decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988;

4. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of significant changes in the resource projections on a continuous basis;

5. Requests the Administrator to inform the Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990) of the planned programme expenditures for 1990 through 1992 on the basis of decisions 85/16 and 88/31 and the present decision;

6. Authorizes the Administrator to make arrangements allowing the borrowing of indicative planning figure entitlements from the fifth programming cycle under the conditions described in paragraph 11 of document DP/1990/7, taking into account the views of the members of the Council expressed at the special session held in February 1990 regarding resource allocation issues for the fifth programming cycle;

7. Requests the Administrator to provide the Council with information on the impact of this decision on the fifth cycle resource situation, particularly regarding the carry-over of indicative planning figure entitlements and the resource base, to be considered by the Council at its thirty-seventh session;

8. Decides to increase the allocation for disaster-relief activities of the Special Programme Resources in the fourth cycle by $3 million;

9. Authorizes the Administrator, without prejudice to the level of Special Programme Resources for the fifth programming cycle, to overprogramme by 15 per cent the Special Programme Resources earmarking for disaster relief and Programme development, on the understanding that this will not result in 1987-1991 expenditures in excess of the amounts officially earmarked under these headings for the fourth cycle or be absorbed through reallocation between Special Programme Resources earmarkings; the outstanding commitment at the end of the current cycle will then be a first charge against the corresponding earmarking for the fifth cycle;

10. Takes note of the decision by the Administrator to allocate $1,016,500 from the Special Programme Resources for a project aimed at restoring some

25 flood-damaged schools in flood-affected areas of Democratic Yemen, in accordance with decision 89/37 of 30 June 1989; and reaffirms the request to the Administrator contained in decision 89/37 to consider the provision of additional assistance to Democratic Yemen from the Special Programme Resources beyond the normally authorized amount;

11. Takes note of paragraphs 22-24 of document DP/1990/7 regarding the activities of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific and agrees that such activities implemented by United Nations Economic and Social Commissions should be financed in the future from funds other than Special Programme Resources;

12. Requests the Administrator to make proposals to the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session on a coherent policy to guide the Special Programme Resources and on arrangements for the planning and the programming of Special Programme Resources activities, relating these activities to country programmes, as well as to the intercountry activities of the United Nations Development Programme.

90/4. Preparations for the fifth programming cycle

1. Takes note of the note by the Administrator on preparations for the fifth programming cycle (DP/1990/8) and the information provided by the Administrator during the consultative process;

2. Reaffirms the need for priority allocation of its scarce grant resources to programmes and projects in low-income countries, particularly the least developed countries;

3. Takes further note of the various views expressed by Governments with regard to their positions on the level, use and distribution of resources in the fifth cycle;

4. Requests the Administrator to take full account of the decisions of the Governing Council relevant to the fifth cycle and to prepare a synopsis of the views and proposals made during the course of the debate, including comparable resource scenarios and detailed justifications for centrally managed resources, taking into consideration all the views expressed concerning Special Programme Resources and the question of net contributor status; to make recommendations or proposals thereon; and to report to the members of the Programme at least six weeks prior to the thirty-seventh session of the Council (1990);

5. Requests the Administrator to convene one informal meeting of the members of the Programme to brief them on documentation prepared in response to the above request;

6. Decides to convene informal consultations with interpretation services during the first half of May 1990, under the President of the Council, to further review issues pertaining to the fifth cycle in preparation for the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council;

7. Requests the Administrator to include in the material he is preparing for the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council information on the availability and coverage of data on the factors which currently feature in the supplementary criteria, as well as other factors, such as gross domestic product, gross national product, output of manufacturing, availability of depletable and non-renewable resources, the latest data on economies in transition, external debt related to gross national product, the relationship between debt-service payment and exports, net transfer of resources and any other appropriate indicators.

90/5. Agency support costs

The Governing Council,

Considering the report of the Group of Experts (DP/1990/9), and in particular the recommended options set out in chapter VII as the appropriate point of departure for further analysis and discussion leading to a decision on successor arrangements for agency support costs,

Affirming the priority it attaches to enhancing the quality and developmental impact in the deployment of all the resources available to the United Nations Development Programme,

Desiring to take the views of the relevant agencies, bodies and organs of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities into account in considering successor arrangements, and to be fully aware of the implications for the United Nations system of technical co-operation in implementing any of the options recommended by the Group of Experts,

Stressing the importance of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Group of Experts contained in document DP/1990/9;

2. Takes note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1990/11 and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the views of the Member States as reflected in the debate on this item at the special session of the Governing Council held on 20-23 February 1990;

3. Requests the President of the Governing Council to convene open-ended consultations of members of the Programme in order to undertake further analysis of the report of the Group of Experts, with a view to providing recommendations to the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session (1990);

4. Decides to assist fully the work of the consultations by enlisting the services of 10 advisers from member countries of the Programme on the basis of proportionate geographical distribution of the membership of the Council in order to assist the Bureau. The Bureau shall undertake appropriate analyses and

consultations with the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system;

5. Emphasizes the desirability of participation by the 10 advisers referred to in paragraph 4 above, who should be knowledgeable of the operations of the United Nations system development activities, to ensure that the work of the informal consultations results in a clearer view of the implications of various options recommended by the Group of Experts;

6. Affirms that the consultations are intended to facilitate the adoption by the Council at its thirty-seventh session of a decision on arrangements for agency support costs;

7. Stresses that the consultations should be focused on the recommendations of the report of the Group of Experts, and in particular the options recommended in chapter VII;

8. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to provide the Bureau, not later than 14 April 1990, with written comments on the report of the Group of Experts setting out their views and recommendations on the options identified;

9. Also requests the Administrator to provide secretariat services to support the work indicated in this decision and to incur the necessary expenditures from the support-cost line;

10. Authorizes the Administrator to facilitate the participation of officials from least developed countries, Members of the Governing Council, who are responsible for technical co-operation activities, to attend the open-ended consultations; the costs of this participation will be covered from the support-cost line;

11. Invites the Executive Heads of all executing agencies to submit, not later than 14 April 1990, written comments for the informal consultations on the report of the Group of Experts, particularly with respect to the options set out in chapter VII, and further invites all parties involved to facilitate the process of building a consensus;

12. Invites the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to provide advice to the informal consultations on a continuing basis.

90/6. Mid-term reviews of country and regional programmes

The Governing Council

Takes note of the mid-term reviews of country and regional programmes under the fourth programming cycle (DP/1990/12 and Add.1-7).

90/7. United Nations Development Programme: Forty years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system

The Governing Council

Takes note of the statement made by the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Special Activities and of the statements made by members of the Programme on the commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system.

90/8. Annex to Governing Council decision 89/23 of 30 June 1989 on the annual report of the Administrator

The Governing Council

Decides to postpone consideration of the annex to Governing Council decision 89/23 of 30 June 1989 on the annual report of the Administrator until the thirty-seventh session of the Council and to reconsider this matter together with the annual report of the Administrator for 1989.

90/9. The role of the United Nations Development Programme in combating the human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV) and the disease known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1990/31) on the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in collaboration with the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS to respond to the pandemic of HIV and AIDS;

2. Endorses the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS;

3. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, within the framework of national AIDS plans, to exercise fully its role at the country level, including assisting Governments, at their request, to respond effectively to the problems of HIV and AIDS;

4. Decides to consider at the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council (1990) the undertaking by the United Nations Development Programme of a study on the socio-economic impact of the AIDS pandemic in order to enable countries to address the problem and deal with it;

5. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, in the context of the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance, to strengthen its capacity to ensure that Governments can effectively implement their national AIDS plans;

6. Requests the Administrator, in carrying out these activities, to promote and support the full utilization of community-based organizations in programme development and delivery;

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session in 1991 on the implementation of this decision.

90/10. Documentation

The Governing Council,

Recalling decisions 79/33 of 2 July 1979, 81/37 of 27 June 1981, 83/40 of 18 June 1983, 85/45 of 28 June 1985 and 87/51 of 18 June 1987 on the preparation and timely distribution of documents in all the official languages,

Decides to review the preparation of documentation within the informal consultations for further improving the working methods of the Governing Council as set out in section IV of decision 89/20 of 30 June 1989.

90/11. The report of the President on the work of the Committee of the Whole

The Governing Council

Takes note of the report of the President on the work of the Committee of the Whole (DP/1990/L.7).